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Governor. Hoody goes out of office poor, but he has lots of experience.

"Twelve courses with seven wines" at a White House dinner. All the spirits there but that of Thomas Jefferson.

The Queen's denunciation of the National League has nothing to do with base ball. Americans may remain calm.

The Democrats claim that a President cannot rise above his party. This is another question on which Mr. Cleveland takes issue with the Democracy.

The Advertiser has been studying the history of the old town hall finds that about all it commemorates is two riots—a pro-slavery riot and a liquor riot.

A Washington dispatch to the Boston Advertiser says the finance committee of the Senate have practically concluded to report the nominations of both Pillsbury and Chase unfavorably.

If Victoria were a Russian Empress instead of a British Queen, hardly more precautions would be taken to ensure her safety than have been arranged to guard her when she opens Parliament to-day.

Twenty-five years ago Garrett Davis, a famous old Kentucky congressman, was distinguished for many words and few ideas. His mantle, it is said, has fallen gracefully upon Senator Morgan of Alabama, who comes to Mr. Bayard's defense on the fishing question.

It is said the President appointed ex-Senator Ross governor of New Mexico out of pity. Ross is said to be crazy, and to imagine himself to be one of Montezuma's dynasty. Following out this fancy he woke the retiring governor up at sunrise and insisted on taking the oath at that unseasonably hour. The President should have felt a little pity for the people whom Ross was sent to govern.

Kaufmann was bitten by a dog alleged to be mad, and went to Paris to consult Pasteur. He returned and reports that the French chemist treated him "quite successfully." It would seem that Pasteur's treatment must be either entire success or utter failure. How there can be any degrees in it as Mr. Kaufmann's remark seems to imply, is a mystery.

According to the Boston Journal if three or four Democrats in this State who are nearly heart broken because they have not got the places which they claimed and which they say they were promised by the local leaders are not appeased by offices they will tell some things which will create a general sensation. Are there three or four Letter Books in the State?

It is said that the Democratic programme regarding the admission of Dakota is to consent on the condition that Montana and Washington territories are admitted at the same time. Montana is Democratic and Washington is Republican. Where the true patriots and justice come in it is difficult to see. But the great weakness of the argument lies in the fact that neither Montana nor Washington is entitled by population to admission.

The Washington Post deserves credit for its frankness on the Ohio frauds. Up to date it is the only Democratic organ that has the courage to express its convictions. Mention should also be made of one of the removed members who has the candor to admit that he was elected by fraud, but was willing to profit by it if he could. We like to note such exceptions, although they cannot be really regarded as signs of great encouragement.

It is alleged that ex-Governor Garcelon's son was appointed postmaster at Winchester, Mass., to stop his father from claiming the Lewiston post office. The administration has had about all the experience with the Maine State stealers that it wants. Pillsbury, Chase, Pratt and Harden are quite enough. Garcelon must be content with the vindication she gets at the annual Jackson dinners.

The Lewiston Knights of Labor having a controversy with the agent of the Bates mills have been around amongst the shop-keepers and requested them not to sell him or his family goods. If any of the dealers refuse to comply we suppose they are to be boycotted by the Knights. We do not know what the controversy is all about or which side is in the right, but it would seem that the Knights had resorted to a rather barbarous way of settling it.

Senator East's speech appears to have been delivered as much for the purpose of stalling the administration as for bombing silver. Here is one paragraph:

If this practice of incivism by the Executive Department in declaring war against silver coin which is a coin of the government, in belittling its usefulness, in depreciating its existence and inviting others to believe that it is a deformed offspring of legislative incapacity, is to continue, some of the evils that have been predicted may come to pass, but these evils will not be able to give any in our financial system, but to the practical and asserting power of the Executive Department in dishonoring and discrediting the coin which it is their duty to sustain by all the influence and power of their official authority.

Washington people are smiling over the Jeffersonian simplicity of Prof. Anderson, our minister to Denmark, who, on presentation to the Queen, insisted on shaking hands with her and talking Danish, though answered in perfect English. During the conversation he horrified the stilted diplomats of the effete dynasties by sitting down beside the queen, while etiquette requires all to stand in the presence of royalty. He asked after her health, and inquired about the quality and the domestic affairs of the palace. The Queen was amused with his familiarity, but the American colony at Copenhagen were scandalized by the Yankee manners of their minister.

The Rev. Dr. Praxton of New York was invited to speak at a meeting of an association of printers the other night and embraced the opportunity to indulge in a tirade of abuse of newspapers and books. The printers didn't enjoy it and naturally enough murmured dissent, when the divine sat down in a pet. He was prevailed upon however to proceed. Among other things Dr. Praxton said that the "two men who moved the world more than any others, Jesus of Galilee and Socrates of Athens, did not write a word." The Springfield Republican says that the Doctor ought to have observed to complete the moral, that fortunately some of the contemporaries of Jesus and Socrates did write.

In 1873 a special agent was sent by President Grant to the Samoan Islands to inquire into the condition of the inhabitants. On his return, among other things, he reported that the chiefs were desirous that the whole group should be protected by the United States. Two years later a native king was elected, and this same agent, Steinberger by name, became his prime minister. Since then this country has nominally held a claim to the islands, but the only real treaty claim is one of the harbor of Pago-Pago. About nine years ago Germany threatened to take steps for the possession of Samoa. For some reasons, doubtless best known to Bismarck himself, nothing was then done. Now the same steps which were then threatened have been taken though Germany intimates that her occupation is only temporary.

It is to be regretted that the first speech delivered in the Senate on the silver coinage by a Republican was made by Senator Teller, because the Republican party as a rule has stood for sound money, and Senator Teller is as hopelessly astray upon the silver question as Senator Beck or Senator Eustis. Perhaps the fact that he comes from a State where there is but one sentiment in regard to silver and that in favor of its continued coinage may extenuate his unsoundness. Senator Teller either misapprehends or intentionally mistakes the purposes of the great mass of the advocates of the suspension of the silver coinage. Their purpose is not to drive silver out of the coinage, but rather to prepare the way for giving it a permanent place therein. The question of monetary reform or bi-metalism is not involved at all, or at any rate to a very limited extent in this controversy. The question is, Shall the government continue to coin 80 cents worth of silver into dollars that the people don't

want? This is the real question at issue, and if it were fairly presented we imagine it would be found that there is not so much difference of opinion in regard to the proper answer as there now appears to be. The silver men muddle it, by raising issues that are not involved at all.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

A MICHIGANIAN'S CAREFUL OPINION. Boston Herald.

The Ohio Democracy has been gravitating downward for some time.

SOUND SENSE. N. Y. Sun.

Congress should listen to the fishermen and not to the administrators.

MR. EVARTS'S CLOSE RIVAL. Exchange.

The London Times is cruel enough to call attention to a sentence of twenty-five lines in Miss Cleveland's book.

THE BEST CURE FOR THE CHAZE. Detroit Free Press.

The craze for a free coinage of silver can be cured best by adopting Senator Eustis's resolution and paying the \$10,000,000 of called bonds in silver.

SECRET OF SOCIAL SUCCESS. Nashville American.

Gen. Whitthorne says there are only two "conditions precedent" to getting into Washington "society," viz., to wear kid gloves all-ways, and occasionally make "a rush on the President."

A POINT OVERLOOKED BY MR. WHITNEY. Baltimore Herald.

It was among the probabilities that the gruff old sea dog from Fifth Avenue would find that a perfect war vessel should be able to crawl ashore and climb a tree when too closely pressed by a superior enemy.

WHICH WAS GREATLY TO HIS CREDIT. Exchange.

The account of stationery furnished members of Congress, as made up by the clerk of the House, shows that one Western statesman supplied himself with a book on etiquette.

THE CURSE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. Charleston (S. C.) News.

The responsibility for the wholesale emanation of the negroes, and for all the ill-considered and unwise measure entailed upon them and upon the country at large, will forever rest upon the Republican party. We are content to allow it to remain there. It is none of our business.

SENATOR FLETCHER'S RESOLUTION. Boston Traveller.

The resolution offered in the Senate yesterday by Senator Fletcher, on the fisheries question ought to be pressed to a vote. The facts presented in his preamble are worthy most serious consideration. If the administration has any adequate defence for its most remarkable conduct, it is time that it was made public, and the discussion of Mr. Fletcher's resolution will furnish an opportunity for its presentation.

THE SIZE OF THE WORD "IF." N. Y. Tribune.

The size of the word "if" can easily be estimated by the sentiment of contempt which Germany must feel for this country with these very different sentiments she would entertain were James G. Blaine at the head of the American government.

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